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Swachhta in National Parks
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to organize its theme campaign of Swachhta in National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Zoos in the country;
(b) if so, whether the Government has launched special drives in 10 selected protected areas in the country;
(c) if so, the details in this regard along with the total expenditure likely to be incurred for this purpose;
(d) whether the Government has extended support/assistance to the States for this campaign and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the other steps being taken by the Government to promote cleanliness including management of solid waste, prevention of littering etc. in the National Parks/protected areas/tiger reserves, zoos and their surrounding areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) and (b) The Ministry has requested the Chief Wildlife Wardens of all States/UTs to organize specific programmes in Protected Areas/ Zoos during 1st to 19th June 2016 as part of the Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan. In addition, the Chief Wildlife Wardens of selected 10 Protected Areas have also been requested to take up priority activities including − waste disposal/management programme; convening workshop with public participation on generating awareness on waste management and garnering adequate media coverage for wider awareness generation for the Protected Areas.

(c) and (d)The details of identified Protected Areas for taking up priority actions to observe Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan are given below:

S.No.	Name of Protected Area	State
1	Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary	Andhra Pradesh
2	Gir Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park	Gujarat
3	Kanha Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh
4	Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve	Maharashtra
5	Flamingo Sanctuary	Maharashtra
6	Nagarhole Tiger Reserve	Karnataka
7	Periyar Tiger Reserve	Kerala
8	Sariska Tiger Reserve	Rajasthan
9	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	Tamil Nadu
10	Corbett Tiger Reserve	Uttarakhand

Maintenance of clean and healthy environment is part of the management of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Zoos. Such activities are provided within the available budget under the existing schemes for management of Protected Areas.

(e)The important steps taken to promote cleanliness in wildlife habitats and surrounding areas include:

i. State/UT Governments provide awareness generation activities in Protected Areas and Zoos with a view to refrain public from littering wildlife habitats.
ii. Solid waste management is a part of the management of Protected Areas, especially where tourist arrivals is high.
iii. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has provided specific guidelines to the States for management of Tiger Reserves.

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